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APPROVAL OF UNDP/UNCDF ASSISTANCE
TO A PROJECT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA
(GUI/86/C02)-(GUI/91/003) - Development Rizicole de la Valle de la Banié

Date of approval by the AC: 1/	20 November 1991
Expected duration:	Five years
Proposed co-operating agency:	FAO
Government executing agency:	Department of Rural Engineering-(Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$1 421 200 Source of funds: IPF
Proposed UNCDF contribution:	$3 352 500 Source of funds: UNCDF General Resources

Project background

The Government of the Republic of Guinea has, since 1984, undertaken to develop local production of rice in order to cut on imports which drain out a substantial part of the foreign exchange earnings of the country. Upper Guinea has a number of unused alluvial plains very suitable for rice-farming under controlled flooding and a population which has been practicing rice farming for a long time. A number of rice fields were developed alongside the Banié River in 1952-54. With the assistance of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), 470 hectares were further developed but are not fully used by the farmers mainly because of inappropriate production technologies. The Government has requested UNCDF to assist in making full use of the rice farming potential of the plains alongside the Banié.

Description of project

The development objectives of the project are to: (a) rehabilitate and improve farming on 470 hectares of previously developed land; and (b) develop and bring under rice cultivation an additional surface of 500 hectares (in five plains). The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) update the available topographical and pedological studies on the area; (b) analyze the hydrological data collected by FAO under a TCP project; (c) test various land development methods and modalities and intensification approaches to determine which ones are more suitable to the area; (d) launch actions to improve production in the land already developed; (e) strengthen the logistics and training of the extension workers in rice farming, the creation/consolidation of farmer organisations (which, in the new areas to be developed, will precede the selection of plains), rehabilitation/consolidation of the plots, promotion of farming techniques such as improved soil preparation, timely planting, weeding, transplanting where applicable and utilisation of improved seeds and modest quantities of mineral fertilizers; (f) survey the capacity of

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local contractors to undertake land development tasks and, in light of its findings and the results of farmer organisation and intensification; (g) select the execution modality for the second phase; (h) undertake land and agricultural development in 500 hectares of new land and train the farmer organisations in maintenance of the built structures; (i) experiment with, and if successful, establish credit systems for purchase by farmer organisations of inputs, tractors equipped with ploughs, mills and 100 animal draught carts and to facilitate the marketing of the farmers' products; (j) provide small equipment and drugs to control animal diseases and support private initiatives (credit to local artisans and mechanics and to women groups); (k) sign an agreement with the Projet de Crédit et Rural (PCAR) for the management of the various credit lines; and (l) sub-contract the rehabilitation of three health centres and the construction of 15 boreholes in the project area to local artisans and the Société Nationale d'Approvisionnement en Eau Potable (SNAPE).

Inputs

UNCDF will finance the technical studies and preparation of tender documents, the land development and social infrastructure works, the research tests and the extension-related costs and credit for inputs, tractors and animal draught carts, mills and to support private and women groups' income-generating initiatives. It will also provide resources to establish the project base and equipment and drugs to control animal disease and finance technical review missions.

UNDP will finance the services of a CTA rural engineer (60 man months), of a rice agronomist (24 man-months), consultants (8 man-months) a UNV mechanic and a UNV rice agronomist (24 man-months each), a national co-ordinator (60 man-months); administrative support personnel; internal travel costs, training and review missions.

Financial data

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	UNCDF	UNDP	GOVERNMENT
Equipment	647 000		
Consumables	154 400		
Sub-contracts	530 800		
Personnel costs	18 200	1 320 200	52 500
Training		86 000	
Credit	869 800		
Social infrastructure/civil works	243 600		
Formulation, monitoring	115 000		
Operation/miscellaneous costs	272 400	15 000	
Contingencies	285 100		
Support costs	352 500		
Total	3 352 500	1 421 200	52 500

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